

Warden message: March 15, 2011 – Possible Demonstrations

A peaceful demonstration was held this afternoon at the al-Hamideyah souk in the Old City of Damascus.

There are rumors that another demonstration may take place in the Old City of Damascus this evening. U.S. citizens are advised to avoid demonstrations and crowds, and to be aware of their surroundings at all times.

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